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Using Correlation Techniques
Inventors: Jes THYSSEN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.1760001

Sir.

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
 2. A listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (*2 pages*);
 3. Copies of the cited documents; and
 4. One (1) return postcard.

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AS1	European Search Report from EP Application No. 02259024.4, dated December 6, 2004, 3 pages.
AT1	Dattore, J. and Christine Law, <i>Error Spectrum Shaping and Vector Quantization</i> , Stanford University, Autumn 1997, 10 pages.

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AR2	European Search Report from EP Application No. 02255681.5, dated October 14, 2004, 2 pages.
AS2	Skoglund, J., "Analysis and quantization of glottal pulse shapes," <i>Speech Communication</i> , Elsevier Science B.V., Vol. 24, No. 2, May 1, 1998 , pp 133-152.
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